

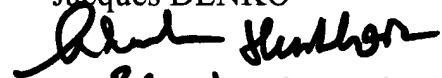
Remarks

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application and calculation of filing fees. This Amendment is being filed in order to submit an Abstract of the Disclosure and to remove multiple claim dependencies.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to refund excess fees and charge any fees necessary for the consideration of this preliminary amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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APPENDIX 1

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Flexible container with a sealable closure, particularly adapted to bathers who wish to keep their valuables with them when they engage in nautical activities, but can lend itself to numerous applications in a number of fields whenever a sealed envelope which can be opened and closed as often as possible is desired, wherein the container includes an envelope with impermeable walls, open at its upper portion and comprising two rigid parallel bars which can fit tightly around the edges of the opening in order to seal it, at least one of these bars being movable, and a locking device in tight position being arranged at both ends of these bars.---

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APPENDIX 2

CLAIMS

3. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a closure flap (5) of the envelope (1) to which at least one of the rigid bars (6, 7) is fixed, the second rigid bar being capable of being fixed either to the flap (5), or to the rear outer surface of the wall of the envelope (1).

4. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the locking elements are constituted of foldable tongues (8) fixed to the flap (5) or to the journal system of the rigid bars (6, 7), and provided with cutouts confining the ends of the bars (6, 7).

5. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of claims 1-3] claim 1, characterized in that the locking elements are constituted of elastic lugs (10) affixed to one of the rigid bars (6, 7) and locking on the second when it is sufficiently close.

6. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the inner surface of the edges (3, 4) of the opening (2) comprise at least one glued or fixed compressible joint (10), which is pressed against the second joint or against the opposite edge at the time of closure of the envelope (1).

7. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the edges (3, 4) of the envelope (1) are stiffened by means of strips made of metal or synthetic materials.

8. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that it can float due to a double wall filled with air or gas.

9. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the envelope (1) comprises lateral bellows.

10. (Amended) Flexible container according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that it constitutes waterproof pockets on containers which themselves may or may not be waterproof.